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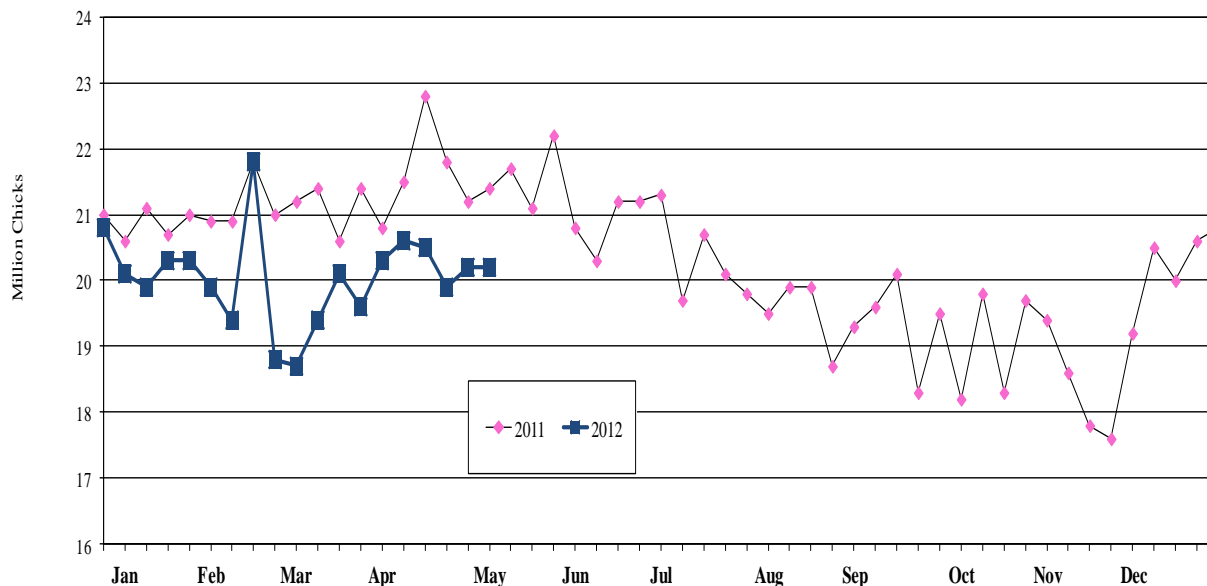
**BROILERS PLACED IN ALABAMA DOWN 5 PERCENT**  
**BROILER EGGS SET DOWN 6 PERCENT**

Placement of broiler chicks in Alabama during the week ending May 5, 2012 was 20.2 million, up slightly from the previous week, but down 5 percent from the comparable week last year, according to the USDA, NASS Alabama Field Office. An estimated 28.1 million broiler type eggs were set by Alabama hatcheries, up 3 percent from the previous week, but down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

**Alabama Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Broiler-Type Chicks Placed**

	Eggs Set			Chicks Placed		
Week Ended	2011	2012	% of prev. yr.	2011	2012	% of prev. yr.
	Thousands			Thousands		
Mar 31	30,239	27,426	91	20,827	20,335	98
Apr 7	29,704	27,990	94	21,456	20,595	96
Apr 14	30,293	27,904	92	22,792	20,546	90
Apr 21	29,958	28,393	95	21,794	19,877	91
Apr 28	29,727	27,188	91	21,156	20,201	95
May 5	29,890	28,109	94	21,382	20,237	95

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN ALABAMA BY WEEK, 2011-2012**



## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	March 31, 2012	April 7, 2012	April 14, 2012	April 21, 2012	April 28, 2012	May 5, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,426	27,990	27,904	28,393	27,188	28,109
Arkansas .....	21,178	21,240	21,233	21,168	21,246	21,684
Delaware .....	3,517	3,506	3,550	3,622	3,470	3,620
Florida .....	1,350	1,349	1,352	1,347	1,353	1,352
Georgia .....	32,796	32,564	32,536	32,274	32,356	32,743
Kentucky .....	7,822	7,825	7,687	7,358	7,394	7,659
Louisiana .....	3,500	3,500	3,530	3,530	3,440	3,359
Maryland .....	7,000	7,128	7,393	7,570	7,628	7,449
Mississippi .....	17,907	17,878	17,717	18,068	17,689	17,731
Missouri .....	7,464	7,701	7,686	7,711	7,473	7,481
North Carolina .....	20,223	20,381	20,557	20,434	20,142	20,416
Oklahoma .....	6,930	6,910	6,688	6,849	6,970	6,712
Pennsylvania .....	3,576	3,754	3,934	3,795	3,597	3,678
South Carolina .....	5,385	5,488	5,364	5,483	5,437	5,376
Texas .....	14,933	14,972	14,816	14,821	14,560	14,595
Virginia .....	6,311	6,415	6,166	6,399	6,294	6,290
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,782	10,711	11,562	11,267	10,597	10,914
19 State total .....	198,100	199,312	199,675	200,089	196,834	199,168
Previous year total .....	207,520	207,969	208,968	209,132	207,087	207,982
Percent of previous year .....	95	96	96	96	95	96

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	March 31, 2012	April 7, 2012	April 14, 2012	April 21, 2012	April 28, 2012	May 5, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	20,335	20,595	20,546	19,877	20,201	20,237
Arkansas .....	20,144	18,964	19,564	20,389	19,093	19,044
Delaware .....	3,724	4,760	4,647	4,733	4,190	4,350
Florida .....	1,016	1,233	1,289	1,202	1,250	1,083
Georgia .....	27,051	27,899	25,950	27,592	27,300	28,268
Kentucky .....	6,214	5,964	6,097	6,222	6,390	6,035
Louisiana .....	3,025	3,356	3,040	3,095	3,084	3,124
Maryland .....	7,020	5,488	5,915	6,244	6,677	6,380
Mississippi .....	15,136	15,282	15,444	15,418	15,353	14,867
Missouri .....	5,548	5,413	5,972	4,892	5,921	5,767
North Carolina .....	17,064	16,334	16,403	16,421	16,189	16,390
Oklahoma .....	3,959	4,123	3,662	4,238	4,887	4,791
Pennsylvania .....	3,144	3,103	2,927	2,892	3,101	3,142
South Carolina .....	4,218	4,096	4,919	4,754	5,350	4,520
Texas .....	12,524	12,235	12,723	12,612	12,414	12,238
Virginia .....	4,735	4,592	4,824	4,457	4,906	4,604
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,859	11,770	10,860	11,158	10,597	11,207
19 State total .....	165,716	165,207	164,782	166,196	166,903	166,047
Previous year total .....	171,899	172,098	173,110	172,008	172,624	172,506
Percent of previous year .....	96	96	95	97	97	96

Average hatchability for chicks hatched in the 19 selected States during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.